region and the staff strength of the Office will be determined on the basis of coverage.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Privatisation of EPF

1035. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to privatise Employees Provident Fund;

(b) whether there is any demand from the Insurance Regulatory Development Authority (IRDA) to privatise the EPF; and

(c) if so, what are the alternative schemes suggested by the IRDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal.

Government's decision on Labour Commission Report

†1036. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decisions on the Report of the Labour Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when Government propose to take decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (c) The Second National Commission on Labour in its report has made a wide ranging recommendations on various facets of labour *viz.* review of laws, social security, women and child labour, skill development, labour administration, unorganised sector etc. The Ministry has held consultations and interactions with the workers' representatives, employers' organizations, experts, professionals etc. The recommendations of the Commission were discussed in the 38th Session of Indian Labour Conference held on 28-29 September 2002 and

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